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REMARKS

DRAWINGS

Applicant noted that numeral "184" was repeated in Figure 4 of the drawings. The first occurrence of numeral "184" appearing on lines 25 and 29 of page 7 of the Specification has been changed to numeral --183-- with a corresponding numbering change to the circumferential ridge of roll 180 on Figure 4. The change is shown in red ink in the attached sheet and its entry is respectfully solicited.

SPECIFICATION

Replacement page is submitted for substitution for page 7 on file. Lines 25 and 29 have been amended by substitution of numeral --183-- for "184" to correct a number duplication in Figure 4.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 6

Claims 6 – 8 are pending in this application. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,239,735).

Claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 6 has been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7, with minor revisions to more clearly define the relationship of the third roll having a substantially smooth surface to one of the pair of opposed rolls, and to recite that the equispaced circumferential protuberances can be formed on each end of the third roll or on each end of the roll of the pair of opposed rolls in opposition to the third roll. Antecedent is provided on page 7, lines 29 and 30.

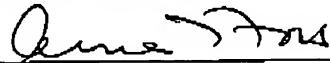
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Claim 7 accordingly has been withdrawn. Claim 8 has been amended to clearly recite the roll in opposition to the third roll.

The drawing and related description in the specification have been corrected and, in that claims 7 and 8 depending on claim 6 have been deemed allowable, it is believed the amendment of claim 6 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7 places the claims in condition for allowance. Such favourable consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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